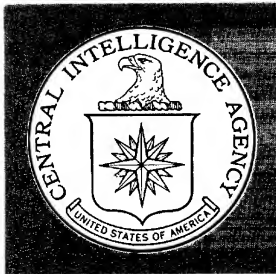


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WEEKLY VIETNAM INDICATORS

Week Ending 11 April 1970

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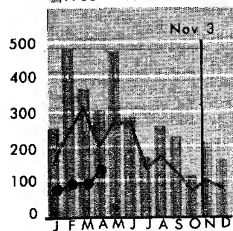
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SOUTH VIETNAM WEEKLY INDICATORS

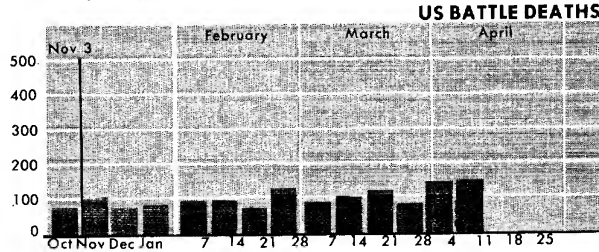
1968-1970

Weekly average
for each month

1968 — 1969 — 1970



OCTOBER 1969-APRIL 1970

Weekly data as reported, Feb-Mar-Apr
Weekly average per month, Oct-Jan

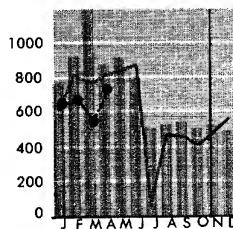
US BATTLE DEATHS

continued at a high level of
140, similar to last week's 138.

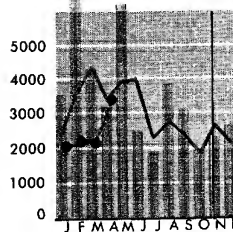
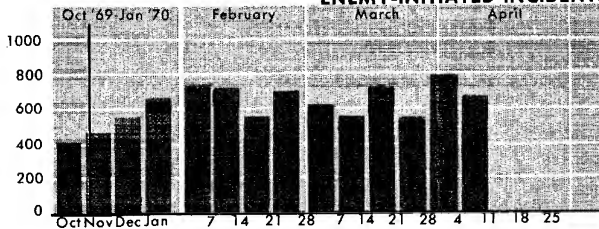
SOUTH VIETNAMESE BATTLE DEATHS

remained relatively high, at
446, reflecting the current
upsurge. The official total
will change as late reports
are received and will be low-
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the press by the GVN.

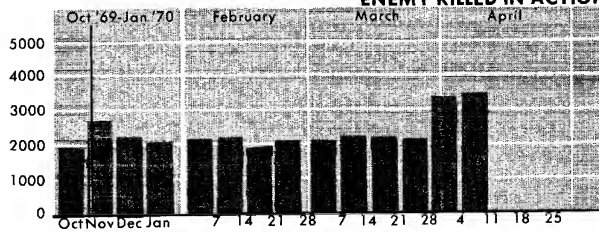
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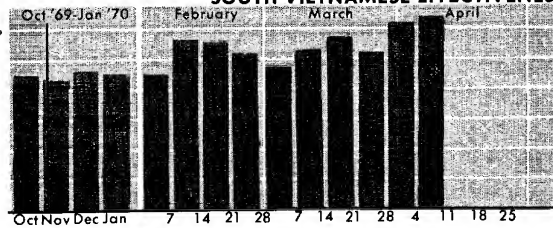
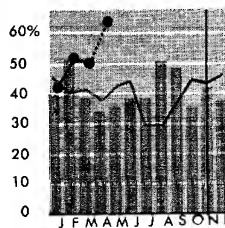
ENEMY-INITIATED INCIDENTS

decreased to 676 from last
week's 785.

ENEMY KILLED IN ACTION

rose slightly to 3,458 from
last week's 3,336.

SOUTH VIETNAMESE EFFECTIVENESS

modestly increased to 66%
from last week's marked
jump to 64%.

Statistics for the latest week shown are preliminary

Dotted line shows current
average for April 1970

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Enemy Activity

During the week, enemy-initiated activity continued at an increased level, although below the intensity of the previous week. The threat in northern I Corps below the DMZ has increased, heavy enemy attacks have been launched in the Western Highlands of II Corps, and significant clashes have occurred in the Delta. There are few signs indicating a return to the low level of activity prior to 31 March as the enemy remains active and evidence continues to point to a second round of attacks toward the end of the month. For the short term, the enemy is expected to maintain pressure via attacks by fire, small-scale ground probes, sapper raids, and terrorism against isolated outposts and pacification targets.

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South Vietnam Developments

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The threat of serious political turmoil in Saigon has been temporarily averted, with both the veterans and students awaiting future developments. The veterans are holding their fire pending action in the National Assembly aimed at redressing some of their legitimate grievances. The government plans to try 21 students before a military court on charges of treason or otherwise endangering national security. Militant student leaders may try again to provoke disturbances; however, factional divisions among the students, a belief that some of the arrested students are guilty, and the failure of Buddhist students to join in the protest will impede their efforts to mount really serious demonstrations.

Communist Developments

The 10 April departure of Le Duc Tho from Paris will probably enable him to participate in a new round of decision-making in Hanoi, particularly regarding events in Cambodia and the recent French proposal for international consultations on Indochina. Although Hanoi has remained officially silent on the French proposal, before his departure, Tho strongly implied that a settlement in South Vietnam must be achieved before a broader Indochina solution can be found. According to Tho, French support for the Lon Nol-Sirik Matak administration would preclude a favorable response from Hanoi.

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